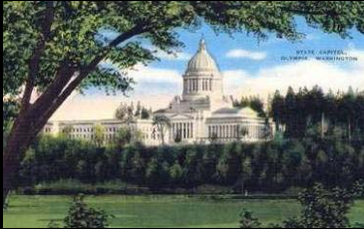


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Historical Designation of Properties

Seeks to

- **Identify and locate important properties**
- **Explains how a resource meets the criteria**
- **Makes a case for Historical Significance and Integrity**



Historic Designations

Levels of Listings

National Historic Landmark



National Register of Historic Places

Level of Significance: Local, State & National



Washington Heritage Barn Register



Local Register



Washington
Heritage Barn
Register

Historic Properties are

resources that are more than 50 years of age



Property Types

- Buildings
- Districts
- Sites
- Structures
- Objects



The General Criteria

for listing on the
Local, State or National Register



Integrity and Historical significance



To be listed on
a Local, State or National Register
you need:

1) Architectural Integrity

- Location
- Design
- Setting
- Materials
- Workmanship
- Feeling
- Association

2) Story to tell



The qualities of **Integrity**



*The ability of
a property to
convey its
significance*



Condition - not a factor

Changes
over time –
*can become
significant in
their own right*



- Define essential physical features that must be present
- Determine which are visible
- Compare with similar properties
- Determine, based on significance, which aspects of integrity are vital

The Qualities of
Integrity

Individual **EXAMPLES**



Chewelah



Skagit County



Olympia



Pomeroy

The Qualities of Integrity

District EXAMPLES



Colfax



Palouse



Port Townsend



Vancouver

The General Criteria

for listing on the Local, State or National Register



Historical significance

Criterion A

Properties that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history



- Type of event
- Association of the property
- Significance of the association

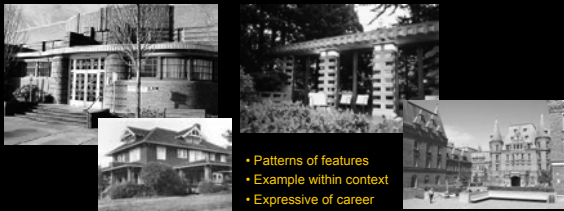
Criterion B

Properties that are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.



Criterion C

Properties that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.



Criterion D

Properties that have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.



Criterion G

Properties that are less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the last 50 years.



National Register of Historic Places

The Myths

- My property value will go down.
- Someone is going to tell me what I can and can't do with my own property.
- You get a bronze plaque that says your property has been listed.
- I won't be able to change anything.



National Register of Historic Places

The Myths

- If my property gets listed I have to open it up to the public a couple of times a year.
- There are grant funds available to help me restore my historic property once its listed.
- You have to restore the property once its listed.
- If my property is listed, I can't demolish the building.



The results of listing in the

National Register of Historic Places

- Eligibility for federal tax provisions.
- Consideration in planning for federally funded, licensed, or assisted projects.
- Consideration in issuing a surface coal mining permit.
- Qualification for federal historic preservation grants.
- Special Valuation.
- Special Consideration with regard to Building Code Requirements.
- Integrity of property rights.
- Community pride.
- Recognition.



Results of Listings

- Can raise community profile
- Spur zoning changes
- Pride in neighborhood
- Increased resale value
- Property tax waiver



Designated Historic Sites – Statewide

- **1,314** listings on the National Register of Historic Places statewide.
- **213** National Register Historic district listings.
- **460** listings on the Washington Heritage Register of Historic Places statewide.
- **24** National Historic Landmark listings.
- **292** Washington Heritage Barn Register listings.





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